

## Angie Lake

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Honorable Representative Lake,

As a 24 year law enforcement veteran, I would like to give you my opinion on HB5225. As a police sergeant, I have NO exemption, and am required to obtain a purchase permit prior to purchasing a police duty or secondary carry weapon. A CCW holder HAS an exemption. I proffer the law is outdated. Consider the following scenario:

I was in the first week of a two week training course at the MSP Academy in Lansing. About 1/3 of a mile away is Michigan Police Equipment, a retail outlet that sells police officers their equipment, and firearms. I got out of class every day at 4:30pm. Michigan Police Equipment closes at 5pm, and I would visit the store. On the second week a firearm I ordered unexpectedly arrived. However, my joy that I wouldn't have to come down in a couple weeks from Grand Rapids to get my gun, and use more gas, was short lived. I did not have a purchase permit. I cannot get one from ANY sheriff's department, it has to be my home county or Kent. There was no way to drive my car to Kent County and back in 30 minutes. So for most of a week I was staying at the academy a bout 600 yards away from a firearm I ordered and bought, but couldn't bring home! It gets better. After Friday I headed home, and stayed there the weekend, still unable to get my permit as the sheriff's office is closed on the weekend. So Monday morning I was back in class for week two, and all week long still unable to get my firearm. So another trip was required. I have my firearm now. I guess I don't need to explain further how I would like the committee to vote in reference to this law, but please repeal it. Thank you for your consideration of this request.